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In re application of

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Examiner: Marlon T. Fletcher

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For: CONTROL UNIT FOR ELECTRIC POWER STEERLING APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because the boxes in the figures are not textually labeled. Accordingly, proposed drawing corrections have been filed herewith, wherein the boxes in Figures 1, 2, and 8, have been textually labeled.

Further, the Examiner asserted that Figs. 1-6 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is shown. Again, proposed drawing corrections have been filed herewith, wherein Figs. 1-6 have been labeled as --Prior Art--.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 6, under §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,360,151 to Suzuki et al. (hereinafter Suzuki). Applicant has submitted herewith a verified English translation of the Japanese priority document 2000-238331 and, thereby, has perfected priority. Accordingly, because the Japanese priority document has a filing date of August 7, 2000, whereas Suzuki has an earliest effective filing date of September 28, 2000, Suzuki is not prior art and this rejection is now believed to be moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-5 would be allowable if written in independent form. However, Applicant has chosen not to rewrite claims 3-5 in independent form because the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 6 is now believed to be moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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